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3W, VIETNAM (plus an XU operation). Steve, K2WE, called the OPDX/BARF80 answering machine (number is listed below) and informed us that he and Les, W2LK, will be active this month as **3W6WE** and **3W6LK**, respectively. They will leave New York on March 20th and expect to be in Vietnam on the 22nd. Their callsigns will only be good for 6 days between **March 25-31st**. Before and after these days, they have access to use and operate from the Kasati Ham Club station 3W6KA. This station is equipped with kilo watt amp and a tri-band beam mounted on a 75 ft. tower. The station also has antennas for 40/80 meters. Also, they will be operating from the club station during the **CQ WPX SSB Contest** (**March 28-29th**). Steve mentioned that their license is good to operate for 24 hours a day on 80-10 meters. Also, their license has already been show to the League and has been approved. Steve stated that 3W6WE will probably be used on SSB and 3W6LK on CW. QSL 3W6WE via K2WE and 3W6LK via W2LK. QSL for the 3W6KA club station go to: Kasati Ham Radio Club, P.O. Box 76, Saigon, Vietnam. SPECIAL ADDED NOTE: Steve and Les will be the first Americans licensed to operate in Vietnam. This operation will be something special to Steve, who told OPDX that he is a Vietnam Vet and spent 2 1/2 years there (he states, "Almost 30 years to the date!"). Also, Steve mentions he may be going to XU-land with Hiroo, JA2EZB, who has helped in obtaining the licenses. Details should be forthcoming.

4H, PHILIPPINES. Robin, DU9RG, reports he will be active in the **CQ WPX Contest** as **4H9RG**.

9M0C DXPEDITION WRAPUP. An excerpt from a press release by Don Field, G3XTT, reports that "the 9M0C operation closed down on Tuesday, February 24th, after making well over 65k QSOs with over 180 DXCC countries." The DXpedition was highly successful in every respect with all goals being achieved. Don states full write-ups will appear in a number of the key magazines including CQ Ham Radio (Japan), Radio Communication (UK), Funk (Germany), etc. Also, 9M0C presentations are scheduled for Visalia, Dayton, Friedrichshafen, the RSGB HF Convention, the Clipperton DX Club Convention, VERON (Netherlands) and

elsewhere. The full press release containing more details such as band QSOs break downs will be sent to all OPDX InterNet Subscribers.

AADX CONTEST, 1997 RESULTS. The Japan Amateur Radio League, Inc. (JARL) announced that the results of the **38th (1997) All Asian DX Contest** have been uploaded to their Web site: http://www.jarl.or.jp/English/4_Library/A-4-3_Contests/1997/97index.htm They want to remind everyone the dates of the 1998 AADX Contest will be June 20-21st (CW) and September 5-6th (Phone). The rules for the contest will be same as last year except the dates.

ES80, ESTONIA. Currently there are several stations active using the special prefix ES80 in celebration of the 80th Anniversary of the Estonian Republic. Look for **ES80R** (QSL via ES7RE), **ES80Q** (via ES5MQ), **ES80J** (via ES1AX), **ES80L** (via ES6PL) and **ES80M** (via ES1QD). Length of their activity is unknown.

F, ILE DE SEIN (France). Jim, G3RTE, and Phil, G3SWH, will be active from the French island (IOTA **EU-068**) Friday, **March 27th**, until Monday, **March 30th**. They will be active on all bands 80-10 meters. Jim will use SSB on the usual IOTA frequencies as **F/G3RTE/P** and Phil will use CW as **F/G3SWH/P**. Special QSLs will be available for both calls from G3SWH (21 Dickensons Grove, Congresbury, Bristol, BS49 5HQ, U.K.) or via the RSGB bureau.

FH, MAYOTTE. The "DX News Sheet" reports that Conny, DL1DA, is expected to be active as **FH/DL1DA**, on CW and details on his stay are not known.

FK, NEW CALEDONIA. The "DX News Sheet" reports Philippe, F5PFO (ex-J28FO), will be active for the **next three years** beginning at the end of **March**. His callsign is not yet known.

FT5Z, AMSTERDAM & ST. PAUL ISLANDS. The Lyon DX Gang announces the next FT5Z DXpedition will take place in **December, 1998**. They have reportedly received all the authorizations for their one month operation. The callsign **FT5ZH** was issued to the team. Their main goal is to go there and ONLY operate. Activity will be 160-10 meters with operations on CW, SSB and RTTY. They will have amplifiers and beam antennas. The group is looking for sponsors and donations. Donations can be sent to their club Treasurer F5PXT (via postal order or registered mail): Mr. Eric Blanchard, 2 Rue Bichat, Bat 32, 69002 Lyon, France. For update-to-date information, check out the WEB site:
http://perso.easynet.fr/~f5nod/ft5z.html

GM, BUTE ISLAND (Scotland). The Otley Amateur Radio Club will mount a DXpedition to this Scottish island (IOTA **EU-123**) for this year's **IOTA Contest** (**July 25-26th**). Their entry will be Multi/Single, and a special call sign has been applied for. Operators will be G0SNV, G0NIG, G0WNT, M0ARK, M0AMA, G8HDN and G7RDJ.

IOTA 98. The **IOTA Convention** this year will be held **May 1-3rd**, at Las Palmas, Canary Islands. This is an unique opportunity to attend one of the most important conventions in Europe. For more information, check out the WEB site http://www.ure.es or send an e-mail to ure@ure.es.

J8 DXPEDITION UPDATE. Jose, EA2CLU, reports to OPDX that their expedition to **St. Vincent and the Grenadines** as **J80R**, which is set for **March 21st through April 1st**, has now a WEB site available. You can see up-to-date info, like callsigns/QSLs/frequencies, etc..

at: http://www.ctv.es/USERS/ea2clu/home.htm

OPERATIONS COMING TO AN END (Wow! What month for DX!). By the time you read this, the German group (**ZL7DK**) active from **Chatham Island** will be going QRT. Next to follow will be the Dateline DX Association group signing **homecall/KH9** which will go QRT on March 11th. Also ending will be the SSIDXG and MKDXF group's KH1 operation which is scheduled to end on March 12th. All three operations have provided the DX ham community with excellent operations and excitement over the last few weeks.

PACIFIC DXPEDITIONS CONTINUE BY THE OKDX GROUP. The OKDX group should now be active from **Tonga**. Look for **A35TN** and **A35KT** to be active **until March 14th**. From Tonga, they go onto **Western Samoa** as **5W0SZ** and **5W0VV** from **March 14-23rd**. Activity will end in Fiji with a possibility of a Rotuma operation (if transportation can be arranged).

PACIFIC/ASIA DXPEDITION CONTINUES. Michael, DF8AN, continues on his long leg of DXpeditions. He will be in three different countries this week. Michael currently is in DU land signing **DU1/DF8AN** until **March 11th**. He will then spend a few days in **Guam** (**March 11-14th**) as **KH1/DF8AN**. Michael will then travel to **Micronesia** (**V6**) and be there from **March 14-22th**. His last stop will be to activate **Koror Island** (**T8, Belau**) between **March 22-28th**. Currently, no callsigns have been assigned for his V6 and T8 operations. His activity and operations should be mainly CW on all bands (including the WARC bands). QSL via bureau or direct (to his new address): Michael Noertmann, Neustadt 18, D-37154 Northeim, Germany.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- Hrane, YT1AD, and Dragan, Z32AU, were active from **El Salvador** during the **ARRL SSB contest** using the callsigns: **HU1X** - Hrane from San Salvador; **HU4X** - Dragan from beach house. QSL HU1X via YT1AD and HU4X via Z32AU.
- Gianni, IT9PKO, was active as **II9ZZ** during last weekend's contest as a Single Op/Multi Band entry. QSL via IT9PKO: Mario Bartuccio, IT9JPK, P.O. BOX 7, 94100 Enna Centro, ITALY
- QSL MANAGER W3HNK. Well known QSL Manager Joe Arcure, **W3HNK**, is reported to be in the hospital recovering from a heart by-pass operation. Many have received QSL cards from Joe, and we are sure that he would appreciate any get well cards/comments from the ham community. The address is: Joe Arcure, W3HNK, PO Box 73, Edgemont, PA 19028
- ON-LINE DXPEDITION LOG SEARCH WEB SITE AVAILABLE: http://www.geocities.com/SouthBeach/Palms/8651/
- **5R8EE/FR5EL** QSLS. There are certain rules to follow for QSLing 5R8EE and FR5EL. Michel, FR5EL, asks you to ONLY QSL direct and send NO bureau cards (Bureau Cards will not be answered). He also asks you to send your QSLs ONLY to FR5EL home call on Reunion Island and NOT to the address in Madagascar (because there is a lot of stealing of envelopes.....). Expect to receive your cards 3 to 6 months later. An indivdual reportedly comes over to Madagascar EVERY 3 MONTHS (from Reunion Island), and delivers Michel's QSLs from his P.O. Box on Reunion. Michel (5R8EE/FR5EL) then answers them at Madagascar, but it is unsure where he sends them from, so please be patient. Remember QSLs only go to: Michel Hoarau, P.O.Box 87, F-97832 Tampon, Reunion Island, France.

VP5, TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS. Don, KN4UG, will be active in the coming weeks (**March 16-24th**) from **Providenciales**. His callsign has not been reported yet. QSL via homecall.

YB AMATEURS OFF THE AIR! Dennis, K7BV, received a message from an Indonesian friend stating that Indonesian amateurs are under a "radio silence" order covering the period of **February 23rd through March 14th**. Reportedly, this is taking place during the Indonesian Parlement board meeting in Jakarta, apparently for their president's 5th year in office.

ZL9, CAMPBELL ISLAND (Update for the January, 1999 DXpedition). The Kermadec DX Association, which had a very successful DXpedition to Raoul Island, Kermadecs under the callsign ZL8RI, is pleased to announce that plans are now at an advanced stage for the **January, 1999** DXpedition to Campbell Island ZL9. The neccessary permissions have been obtained, transport arranged and the logistics needed to put together an operation from this remote island are well in hand. An international team of operators has been selected from New Zealand, Japan, Canada, The United States and Ireland. The operation should begin activity on January 9th, 1999, and remain on the air until January 25th. The team will operate on SSB/CW/RTTY and on all bands. The team leader Ken Holdum, ZL2HU, has previously written to major DX clubs worldwide seeking their financial support for this DXpedition which is costing in the region of $65,000 (U.S.) to mount. If you would like to contribute to the success of the ZL9 DXpedition by helping to meet the enormous costs, send donations:

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Ken Holdum ZL2HU (Team Leader)       Declan Craig EI6FR (Team Member)
The Kermadec DX Association          The Kermadec DX Association (Europe)
P O Box 56099                        167 St. James's Road
Tawa, Wellington             - or -  Greenhills, Dublin 12
New Zealand                          Ireland
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All donations will be acknowledged on receipt, and in the event of the DXpedition not proceeding, will be returned.

ZS26, BIRD ISLAND (South Africa). Several bulletins report that a new IOTA will be activated this week. Activity will be from **March 9-13th**. Operators ZS1B, ZS1FJ, ZS1KC and ZS1LL will sign **ZS26BI** on all bands both CW/SSB. Watch the IOTA frequencies. QSL via ZS1FJ.

1998 INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION. Between **May 1-3rd** the convention will be held at the Holiday Inn, Visalia, CA, [telephone: (209) 268-1000]. Further information can be obtained from Rick, W6SR, co-chairperson at 714-993-0713 (home), 310-616-3912 (work) or via the E-mail address at: scdxc@primenet.com.

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http://www.intercom.es/qtc/qtcopdx.htm

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